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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Sir:

Applicants recently filed a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the provisional rejection of claims 1-26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 and 19-30 of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/458,922. The Terminal Disclaimer was submitted concurrently with a Notice of Appeal and mailed on February 9, 2005. After filing, a typographical error was noticed on the Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the owner of the instant application. As such, Applicants have corrected this inadvertent error and respectfully re-submits the corrected Terminal Disclaimer. No fees

should be required for entry of this paper. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.

Respectfully submitted,

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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER CO-PENDING U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/458,922

Sir:

Claims 1-26 in the instant application stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 and 19-30 of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/458,922. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection and only to remove issues for appeal, Applicants submit the following Terminal Disclaimer.

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The owner, IBM Corp., of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S. C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/458,922. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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